

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Hazel Neal Collection

31 linear inches

Record ID: 1991-15

Donor: Hazel (Mrs. Jess) Neal

Acquisition: Gift, 1991

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Hazel Neal Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Hazel Frances Copeland was born 16 January 1905 in Denton County, Texas to Andrew and Belva Copeland. She attended the University of North Texas in Denton where she received her degree in education. Hazel taught public school music for one year in the University Demonstration School in Denton, and she later taught at Fort Concho Elementary School from 1930 to 1935. She married Jess James Neal on 30 July 1935 in Snyder, Oklahoma. Jess Neal died on 23 December 1946 in San Angelo, Texas.

Following Jess Neal's death, Hazel became interested in genealogy and history, and she compiled and published several family history books. In addition to this work, Hazel compiled a book on the History of the First Christian Church of San Angelo, 1882-1992. She continued as the church historian and archivist for a number of years and was an active member of the church throughout her years in San Angelo. As a final project for the church, Hazel compiled a framed collection of the church's ministers' photographs, which the church placed in the entrance hallway.

In 1994 Hazel moved to the Patriot Heights Retirement Center in San Antonio. She died there on 13 September 1998 at the age of 93.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains Neal family genealogy material, books, manuscripts on First Christian Church and Pastor R.O. Charles, clippings, periodicals, and a family Bible.

Arrangement:

Box	File	Description
1	1	Sonatinas for Pianoforte by Muzio Clementi
	2	"Old Magdalen Street" by Susan Miles; obituaries for Susan miles

Box	File	Description
	3	First Christian Church Directories, History, and Dedication Books
	4	1936 Flood
	5	"Asbury Chapel and its People, 1847-1972: The Neal Family"
	6	"Dewitt Remembered"
2		R.O. Charles
	1	Biographical information
	2	Soundex and census records
	3	Receipts and notes
	4	Photographs
3	1	Abbie Lee Sawyer, 1873-1976
	2	Miscellaneous obituaries and newspaper clippings
	3	Miscellaneous genealogy research material
4		History of the First Christian Church, Volumes I-II
		Scrapbooks compiled during the centennial of the church 1882-1982, includes printed information, photos, weekly newsletter of the church, and newspaper clippings
5		Neal Family Bible (between the testaments is information on the Neal family)